

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A compact disc of circular or ~~and~~ non-circular shape comprising:

a disc body having a central annular portion and a recording portion;

a recording and reflective layer provided on the recording portion of the disc body and covered by a protective coating;

a basic cover paint applied to said annular portion;

at least one defined area with a border and central portion situated in the annular portion or recording portion containing a hidden printing; and

a scratch-off paint coating covering said defined area.

Claim 2. (original) A compact disc of claim 1, wherein the defined area printing is separated from the scratch-off paint by a translucent interlayer coating for protecting the hidden printing when applying and removing the scratch-off paint.

Claim 3. (original) A compact disc of claim 2, wherein the interlayer coating overlaps the boarder portion of the defined area by at least 2 mm.

Claim 4. (original) A compact disc of claim 3, wherein the thickness of the interlayer coating is in the range from 40 to 58 microns.

Claim 5. (original) A compact disc of claim 1, wherein the scratch-off paint coating bears a guidance printing.

Claim 6. (currently amended) A compact disc of circular or ~~and~~ non-circular shape comprising:

- an a disc body having a central annular portion and a recording portion;
- a recording and reflective layer provided on the recording portion of the disc body and covered by a protective coating;
- a basic cover paint applied to said annular portion;
- at least one defined area with a border and central portion situated in the annular or recording portion above the basic cover paint and containing a hidden printing;
- a translucent interlayer coating covering the defined area; and
- a scratch-off paint coating applied to said interlayer coating.

Claim 7. (original) A compact disc of claim 6, wherein the translucent interlayer coating is from 40 to 58 microns in thickness and overlaps the boarder portion of the defined area by at least 2 mm.

Claim 8. (currently amended) A compact disc of circular or ~~and~~ non-circular shape comprising:

- an optically readable disc body having a central annular portion and a recording portion;
- a recording and reflective layer provided on the recording portion of the disc body

and covered by a protective coating;

a basic cover paint having a basic printing applied to said annular portion;

at least one defined area with a border and central portion situated in the annular or recording portion above the basic cover paint containing a hidden printing;

a scratch-off paint coating covering said defined area; and

a means for protecting the hidden printing when applying and removing the scratch-off paint.

Claim 9. (previously presented) A compact disc of claim 8, wherein the means for protecting the hidden printing when applying and removing the scratch-off paint is a translucent interlayer coating which separates the defined area from the scratch-off paint.

Claim 10. (previously presented) A compact disc of claim 9, wherein the interlayer coating overlaps the boarder portion of the defined area by at least 2 mm.

Claim 11. (previously presented) A compact disc of claim 10, wherein the thickness of the interlayer coating is in the range from 40 to 58 microns.

Claim 12. (previously presented) A compact disc of claim 8, wherein the scratch-off paint coating bears a guidance printing.

Claim 13. (previously presented) A compact disc of claim 8, wherein the basic printing is directly applied to said annular portion.

Claim 14. (previously presented) A compact disc of claim 8, wherein only one reflective layer is provided on the recording portion of the disc body.